Statement

Statement showing officers & staff identified surplus by Staff Inspection Unit

Year	No. of organisations studied by S.I.U.	No. of posts identified surplus Group A	B	C	D	Total
1990-91	30	85	131	1374	3001	4591
1989-90	22	40	82	643	756	1521
1988-89	31	115	160	795	2885	3955

Rouble credit held by USSR

2655. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of USSR Rouble Credit held by USSR on 31st March, 1991 due to their exports of industrial plants defence goods etc. and its time schedule and the mode of repayments; and

(b) what precaution Government has taken to see that the repayment by way of Indian goods and services are made to rightful owners of these rouble credits and not to the individual erstwhile States of USSR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR); (a) As on 31.3.1991 the total outstanding Soviet credit on government account was Roubles 941.951 million, which was equivalent to Rs. 2204.34 crores converted into Rupees at the rate of exchange of Rouble l=Rs. 23.4019 on that date. This represents the credits availed for USSR exports to India for public sector projects included in the Five Year Plans. The above figures exclude payments relating to Defence supplies. In accordance with the accounting procedure approved by the Comptroller and Auditor General for these transactions no debt liability is adjusted in the accounts. Soviet credits before April, 1977 have generally been repayable over a period of 12 years with interest payment at the rate of 2.5% per annum. Since April, 1977 repayment is over a period of 3 years and carry an interest of 2.5% per annum.

The credits are denominated in Roubles, but repayment of principal and payment of interest on them are made in non-convertible Indian Rupees which are utilised by the Soviet authorities for purchase of Indian goods for export to the USSR within the framework of the Indo-Soviet Trade Plan in force.

(b) In accordance with bilateral agreements currently in force, repayments are made to the Central Account of the Bank of Foreign Economic Affairs of the USSR maintained with the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay.

Prosecution of Cloth Merchants in Ahmedabad pursuant to Income tax raids

2656. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Un-Starred Question 2454 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st August, 1988 and state:

(a) the details of criminal complaint No. 1862/81 filed by the police in the court of 4th Metropolitan Magistrate Ahmedabad;

(b) the details of criminal complaint filed by Income Tax department for offence under section 275 A of the Income tax Act and under sections 188 and 380 of the I.P.C. in the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Ahmedabad;

(c) the details of criminal miscellaneous applications No. 145/82 filed by

Messers Kantilal G. Nagar and Ramesh Kumar Agarwal in the Gujarat High Court;

(d) whether the criminal complaints in (a) and (b) and Criminal application in (c) as above have since seen disposed off; if so, the outcome thereof; if not what is the present position of each and what steps Government propose for their expeditious disposal;

(e) the details of the property attached by the Tax Recovery Officer (Central), Ahmedabad for recovery of taxes due for the assessment year 1981-82 and whether the taxes due have since been recovered; and

(f) the present position of the cases transferred to Central Charges for coordinated investigation, case-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The brief facts of the case are that the Officers of the Income-tax Department during the course of search, sealed the premises and shop bearing No. 162, New Cloth Market, Ahmedabad on 26-6-1981 and issued a prohibitory order. In the early hours of 27-6-1981, the accused were found in prosession of certain books of accounts near the shop by the police constables who were posted on duty. The seals placed were found to have been broken. The Police Oficer submitted a charge-sheet against the accused in the court of the 4th Metropolitan Magistrate, Ahmedabad for the offence u/s 380 of the I.P.C. Criminal complaint No..1862/81 has been filed by the Police in the court of 4th Metropolitan Magistrate, Ahmedabad against Shri Kantilal G. Nagar. The Income-Tax Department also filed a complaint being criminal Case No. 1806/81 in the Court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Ahmedabad against Shri Kantilal G. Nagar and Shri Ramesh Kumar F. Agarwal for the offence punishable u/s. 275A of the Income Tax Act and u/s. 188 and 380 of the I.P.C. Thereafter, the two accused preferred a Miscellaneous Application No. 145/82 before the Gujarat High Court praying to quash and set-aside the process issued by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate in the Criminial Case No. 1806/81 and further to stay the proceedings and also prayed the amalgamation of Criminal Case No. 1806/81 with Criminal Case No. 1862/81 which is pending in the Court of 4th Metropolitan Magistrate, Ahmedabad. The Miscellaneous Criminal Applications are pending in the High Court.

(d) These have not been disposed off so far. The matters are pending in the Gujarat High Court. The Hon'ble High Court is being moved through the Departmental Solicitors for fixing an early hearing in these cases.

(e) The following properties stand attached by the Tax Recovery Officer for recovery of the oustanding demand:—

(i) Super-structure of Shop No. 183 situated at New Cloth Market, Ahmedabad belonging to Smt. Sushiladevi Shivbhagwan Agarwal.

(ii) Right, title and interest in 12 powerlooms situated at 18 (shop No. 2) Maheshwari Industrial Estate, near Nagarwal Hanuman, Rakhial, running in the name of M/s. Sushil Textiles.

(f) Since the investigations in the cases are over, these cases have now been decentralised.

Opening of Office of International Finance Corporation in Delhi

2657. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Finance Corporation had sought the permission of Government to open its office in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the main objective thereof;

(c) whether permission has since been granted in this regard; and